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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in terms and course of study,  
6 providing for sports and extracurricular activities during  
7 COVID-19 pandemic.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 1501.10. Sports and Extracurricular Activities  
14 During COVID-19 Pandemic.--(a) Notwithstanding any other  
15 provision of law, withing fifteen (15) days of the effective  
16 date of this section, each governing authority of a school  
17 entity shall meet and vote, by a majority, whether to adopt a  
18 policy to hold school sports activities, including competitions,  
19 intramural play and scrimmages, and other in-person  
20 extracurricular activities during the 2020-2021 school year.

1 (b) If a governing authority of a school entity votes, by a  
2 majority, and adopts a policy allowing school sports activities  
3 under subsection (a), the governing authority of a school entity  
4 shall develop and vote, by a majority, on an athletic, health  
5 and safety plan addressing school sports and other in-person  
6 extracurricular activities during the 2020-2021 school year. A  
7 governing authority of a school entity shall determine and  
8 include the following in the plan:

9 (1) Safety protocols for permitting visitors and spectators  
10 to attend sports and in-person extracurricular activities.

11 (2) Limits on gatherings for indoor and outdoor sports and  
12 in-person extracurricular activities to ensure social  
13 distancing, which may not exceed fifty (50) percent of the  
14 capacity of the facility.

15 (3) Protocols for sports consistent with the Centers for  
16 Disease Control and Prevention Considerations for Youth Sports.

17 (4) Methods of ensuring that social distancing, face  
18 coverings and other safety measures recommended by the Secretary  
19 of Health are in place for students, staff and spectators.

20 (c) A governing authority of a school entity shall post the  
21 athletic, health and safety plan on its publicly accessible  
22 Internet website and submit the plan to the department of  
23 Education and the Department of Health. A governing authority of  
24 a school entity may amend the athletic, health and safety plan  
25 as needed, any amended plan must be submitted to the Department  
26 of Education and the Department of Health.

27 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
28 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
29 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 "School entity." A school district, nonpublic school,

1 intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter  
2 school, regional charter school or cyber charter school.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.